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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: RELATIONS BETWEEN GVN AND SIERRA LEONE

REF: A. FREETOWN 1409; B. SAIGON 9836

1. SUBSTANCE OF PROMPT AND COMPREHENSIVE REPORT REF A WAS DISCUSSED JULY 29 BETWEEN CHARGE AND FONMIN BAC AND BETWEEN ACTING CHIEF OF POL AFFAIRS AND ASST TO THE MINISTER HOAN.

2. FONMIN ASKED US TO REQUEST EMB FREETOWN TO APPROACH GOSL AND ASK IF GOSL WILLING ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH GVN. FYI: GVN WOULD NOT BE CONCERNED IF GOSL WERE ALSO TO ESTABLISH RELATIONS WITH DRV BUT WOULD BE CONCERNED BY ESTABLISHMENT SUCH RELATIONS WITH "PRG". END FYI. WE WOULD APPRECIATE SUCH APPROACH BY EMB SIERRA LEONE AS MENTIONED PARA 2 REF A IF DEPT PERCEIVES NO OBJECTION. WE NOTED TO BAC THAT SENIOR OFFICIALS ARE ABSENT FROM SL AND APPROACH COULD NOT BE MADE UNTIL MID-AUGUST.

3. HOAN WENT INTO MORE DETAIL THAN IN REF B CONCERNING GVN EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH RELATIONS. IN DISCUSSING EX-SENATOR SUNG'S VISIT OF AUGUST 1973 HOAN STATED SUNG BELIEVED PRES. STEVENS' WILLINGNESS AT THAT TIME "IN PRINCIPLE" TO ESTABLISH RELATIONS WITH
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GVN STEMMED FROM PIQUE AT LACK OF EXPECTED AID FROM PRC AND DESIRE

TO ESCAPE SOMEWHAT FROM RADICAL INFLUENCE OF SEKOU TOURE IN NEIGHBORING GUINEA. SUNG'S VISIT WAS FOLLOWED UP BY THREE FRUITLESS APPROACHES TO SL HICOM IN LONDON AS DESCRIBED REF B.

4. IN APRIL 1974, ACCORDING TO HOAN, GVN EMB IN MONROVIA SENT NOTE TO GOSL EMB THERE SUGGESTING ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. RESPONSE OF SL AMB WAS ENCOURAGING, AND CONSEQUENTLY A DRAFT GVN/GOSL COMMUNIQUE ON ESTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONS WAS SENT TO SUNG, THEN IN ABIDJAN ON A TRIP TO OTHER AFRICAN ANTIIONS. BUT GOSL HICOM IN LONDON TOLD GVN EMB THERE THAT A VISIT BY SUNG COULD NOT TAKE PLACE IN MAY AND SUNG DID NOT GO TO SL ON THAT TRIP. IN CONCLUSION, HOAN INFORMED US THAT GVN AMB IN MONROVIA HAS NOW BEEN INSTRUCTED TO TRY TO VISIT SL. HOAN PROMISED TO INFORM US IF VISIT CAN BE ARRANGED.3"

5. COMMENT: WE ARE IN NO POSITION TO KNOW HOW GOSL CAN BEST BE APPROACHED BUT APPRECIATE ANY ASSISTANCE EMB FREETOWN FEELS WILL BE USEFUL.
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